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## NEW TRAIL GIVES PARK-GOERS SOMETHING TO WALK ABOUT

*MAYOR BALLARD, COMMUNITY MEMBERS CELEBRATE SOUTHEASTWAY PARK TRAIL COMPLETION*

INDIANAPOLIS –Mayor Greg Ballard today celebrated the completion of the Southeastway Park Trail with Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry, City-County Councilor Aaron Freeman, Deputy Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources John M. Davis and members of the Southeastway Park community.

The Recreational Trails Program, administered through Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Recreation, awarded Indy Parks & Recreation a \$129,875 grant for trail rehabilitation and establishment. The much-anticipated 2.7-mile trail winds through Southeastway's nature park and along Buck Creek. Utilizing existing trail structure, the Southeastway Park Trail allows park-goers to explore the park by biking, walking, jogging, rollerblading or pushing a stroller.

"Thank you to the DNR Recreational Trails Program for providing nearly \$130,000 to make this trail rehab and development possible," said Mayor Ballard. "With this funding, Indy Parks created a sustainable resource for Indianapolis residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come."

The 2.7-mile Southeastway Park Trail is designed to meet the demand from the public for an enhanced trails system at the park. Prior to the improvements, Southeastway Park's trails were crumbling and the park had not reached its full potential as a natural recreation haven for trails. The old trail also needed to be upgraded to be compliant with ADA—accessible width and resting points.

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“Southeastway Park offers a wonderful palette of outdoor spaces, shelters, ponds, prairies, and a unique center for programs,” said Indy Parks Director Lowry. “This trail will serve as a magnificent connection for those amenities while fostering an updated path for health and fitness, and we hope everyone finds time to celebrate and embrace this fully updated trail for years to come.”

### **About Indy Parks and Recreation**

The mission of Indy Parks is to create fun, safe, engaging and sustainable parks that enhance the quality of life for individuals, neighborhoods and communities. Indy Parks is responsible for the operation and maintenance of more than 11,000 acres of parkland, 206 parks, 21 aquatic facilities, 16 family centers, 14 spray grounds, 4 nature centers, 4 disc-golf courses, 3 dog parks and a mountain bike trail, conservatory and sunken garden, arts center, Velodrome, skate park and BMX complex.

### **About Southeastway Park**

Southeastway Park is a 188-acre Regional Nature Park managed under the Environmental Education and Land Stewardship Division of Indy Parks and Recreation. The park is located in the southeast corner of Marion County, easily accessible from I-74 at the Acton Road exit. There are a variety of natural habitats on the property including an 80-acre forest, a pond and wetland, open fields and meadows, a prairie preserve and Buck Creek. The park offers numerous environmental education programs and special events throughout the year.

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